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By the aid of Mr Goodman's key I have succeeded in tracing mathematically two of the series on the right slab of the Tablet of the Cross (No. 1), Palenque, and in identifying two characters hitherto undetermined. These are numbered according to Rau's scheme ("Palenque Tablet," p. 61) 14 S and 1 U, the first the symbol for the day 2 *Caban* and the second the symbol for the month *Ceh*.

To illustrate: Using Goodman's terms, we count forward (by my table 3, "Maya Year," p. 21) from 11 *Lamat* (10 S), 6 *Xul* (10 T), in the year 10 *Akbal*, 9 days, 3 *Chuens* (12 S), and 13 *Ahaus* (12 T) = 4,749 days, to 2 *Caban* (14 S), 10 *Xul* (14 T), in the year 10 *Lamat*. Counting forward from this date 3 days and 6 *Chuens* (15 S) = 123 days, we reach 8 *Ahau* (17 T), 13 *Ceh* (1 U), of the same year, 10 *Lamat*. His *katun* symbols are seen at 4 U, 14 V, 12 X, etc. It is apparent from these examples that a careful tracing of the series will serve to identify quite a number of characters hitherto undetermined.

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Die Tagegötter der Mayas. By Dr E. Förstemann. Pt. I, *Globus*, vol. lxxiii, No. 9; Pt. II, *Globus*, vol. lxxiii, No. 10.

The names of heathen gods are readily recognized in the etymology of the English nomenclature of week days, and this evidence of a dedication of days to gods survives in all European languages. It appears from statements of early Spanish writers, as Nuñez de la Vega and others, that a like usage existed in Central America. The identity of the names of several days of the Maya calendar with those of gods has been indicated, but these identifications are limited in number, and but for the epoch-making work of Dr Schellhas, whose nomenclature and identification of the figures of Maya gods have given vitality to the study of Maya paleography, remained fragmentary knowledge. Aided, however, by the new light shed on the subject by Schellhas' work, Dr Förstemann, in the above-mentioned articles, considers the relationship of the "day gods" to the twenty days from *Kan* to *Akbal*.

These articles are among the most important contributions to the Maya calendar which have been published in late years, and, like all his previous work, merit careful study by Americanists.

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